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TO: School District Superintendents

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SUBJECT: Fall 2009 WDE684 – WISE Teacher/Course/Student Enrollment
Data Collection

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) announces changes and revisions to the WDE684 WISE Teacher/Course/Student Enrollment Data Collection.

What is the purpose of the WDE684?

The October 1, 2009 collection of the WDE684 - WISE Teacher/Course/Student Enrollment Data Collection is the first part of a three-step annual cycle.

Education agencies nationwide have increasingly greater responsibility to accurately and efficiently account for every student. All enrolled or previously enrolled students will be accounted for, at any point in time, because of this three-step cycle. The WDE607 - WISE Dropout Statistics Data Collection has been eliminated. Dropouts (along with all other students having exited school for any reason) will now be reported on the WDE684. For specific information on how to report dropouts, please see the WDE684 Guidebook.

The WDE684 will be collected again in March 2010, and in June 2010. This schedule will achieve the goals of determining the enrollment status of students and tracking students who transfer, graduate, dropout, or exit. Submission of the WDE684 in June 2010 will replace the WDE670 - WISE Graduates and Completer Statistics Data collection. Graduates and other completers will now be reported on the WDE684. For specific information on how to report graduates, please see the WDE684 Guidebook.

Wyoming has chosen to adopt these changes in data collection practice as the most efficient, least burdensome method to ensure full compliance with new federal regulations. The primary driver for both the nature and timing of the above changes to the WDE684 (and elimination of the WDE607 and WDE670) is to ensure Wyoming will be in full compliance with new federal "Uniform, Comparable Graduation Rate" regulations;

<http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2008/12/12232008.html>

Additionally, an incidental benefit will be increased student record data quality for use in state and federal accountability requirements and funding determinations through the School Foundation Program.

What are the changes for School Year 2009-10?

- All WDE student and staff data collections will collect the new federal Race and Ethnicity categories. Details on the categories can be found at: <http://www.k12.wy.us/>
- Student School and District Entry Dates will be collected on the WDE684.
- Student Exit Dates will be collected on the WDE684.
- Student Exit Types will be collected on the WDE684. A full listing of Exit Type Codes will be available on the WISE website and the Wyoming Education Fusion portal.
- Course Section Entry and Exit dates will be optional on the WDE684.

Full details on the WDE684 Collection, including the Guidebook and File Specifications, will be published on the WISE website

(<https://www.k12.wy.us/wise/>).

Threaded Discussions and FAQs are available on the WISE Info Center of the Wyoming Education Fusion portal (<https://fusion.edu.wyoming.gov/>) to answer specific questions.

Whom do I contact for More Information?

If you have any questions regarding the content or submission of the WDE684, please contact Leslie Zimmerschied at lzimme@educ.state.wy.us or 307-777-8751.

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